



## Lloyd Johnson Visits Ancient Ruins

Tells of Mobbing of Two Elders, and Two Lady Missionaries in Mexico.

While he does not profess to be a blood hound archeologist, nor a book worm for library accounts of research among Mayan and Inca ruins still Lloyd Johnson of the Berkeley high council and manager of the Lura-Glo Products knows how to enjoy himself among the temples of past glories and also among the elders and the converts in Mexico and Yucatan, and withal make for himself a unique vacation, faith-promoting and relaxing. In the picture Lloyd stands before ancient ruins of Mitla, Oaxaca, Oax., Mexico. With him are seen an official guide and an Indian trader.

In a letter dated January 3, 1949 from "Hotel Turibba," he begins: "Evidences of the Book of Mormon's accounts are so numerous that there is not a single day that it is not manifested to me in one way or another."

Bro. Johnson tells first hand the shocking account of the brutal beating of two LDS missionaries, and the incarceration and threats to two lady missionaries in a town near Oaxaca where Lloyd was staying:

"The Catholics seem to have declared open warfare on the LDS Church here. Two of our Elders were nearly beaten to death by a mob agitated by a Priest. Two Elders and two lady missionaries were visiting saints in a small town north of Pueblo when they were attacked. The girls were taken and locked in a dark room, and the two Elders were taken out to be killed. The mob had only one gun, but all were armed with machetes (big knives.)"

"The Elders were beaten with stones and clubs, and then (the mob) would attempt to cut their heads off with the big knives. But everytime they would swing the knives at their necks, something would happen, so the knives would land flat on their upper arms. This was attempted so many times that their arms were mashed badly. One Elder also has a knee injury (broken and the water is lost). Both are one mass of scars."

"Every time the gun was poked in their faces (the instruction was to shoot them between the eyes) the gunman would aim and aim, and then someone else would say: 'If you're not going to shoot, let me,' so the gun was passed around the crowd. The elders looked down the barrel so many times that they thought it must be their end. But their lives were spared."

"After a while the mob seemed to have just sickened of their attempt and to have dispersed. The sisters were released after being locked up in that dark room for four hours thinking that the Elders had been killed. They were told that they would be next."

"I had them all out to dinner. Thought I would cheer them up a little. They appreciated the food, but said they were of good cheer and would never cease their work until the Lord called a halt. They would not tell me about the mobbing, nor even talk about it, but they were present when one of the saints told me the story."

Then Lloyd tells of a trip he made with four Elders and two native saints 160 miles north of Oaxaca where he is staying in order to visit a LDS family of seven and friends they had invited to come in for meetings. Bro. Johnson's bane seems to have been the goat's milk, and the community sleeping of the family and the visiting Elders and saints on the ground in that one windowless room of the adobe house.

However, he cannily avoided the latter by saying that it was the custom in his country to honor the ladies and children first, and that they (he and the elders) would sleep outside. By this ruse he says they avoided, among other things, the bugs, tho he got his shoes and shirt wet from a rain that fell in the night.

Before returning from that trip Lloyd and the elders made a stiff climb and visited some ruins. Among the things they dug up was a round calendar stone, and a beautiful vase, pure white with red and purple supper design.

Finally the traveler says that the day he wrote he had traveled across the so called "narrow neck of land," from one coast to the other. But he had to close, and promised another missive of news about other adventures.

## Elder Howard Marsh, San Leandro Ward, Released From Argentine Mission: Called to Special Assignment by the Church

Elder Howard J. Marsh who has been serving as counselor to two residents of the Argentine Mission, is now returning home via Europe on a special appointment for the Church, and also as an honorary traveling fellow in political science from the University of Southern California.

With a companion he will travel thru Spain, Switzerland, France, England and Wales in Wales the two elders will make contact with relatives of the Welsh people living in the southern colonies (Patagonia, we understand) of Argentina where our missionaries have been successfully laboring and have made many friends, and converts.

While in Spain they will visit a group of Spanish students who

on their own initiative, have formed a study class using the story of the Church and the Restoration of the Gospel as their subject. This group has written for literature and in return have written of their testimony of the truthfulness of the restored Gospel.

Howard J. Marsh is the son of our very active Latter-day Saint of San Leandro, Catherine Marsh and a brother of Herbert Marsh, also very active in the Church. Howard will soon be welcome home by his many friends.



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## Temple Informaiton

The complete calendar for every temple in the Church for 1950 is listed in the Church Section of the Deseret News for January 11, 1950. The Messenger will keep this calendar on file, so that anyone who wishes information later in the year may call on the editor. But for the convenience of our readers we are reproducing some of that information in this space.

However we include only the opening and closing dates and the holidays and vacation closing dates. Other data as to the times and hours of endowment sessions and the times for baptism we will keep on file for those who later wish to phone or write for it, as stated above.

The Arizona temple closes for General Conference the first week in April and the last week in September; closes for summer July 27, to reopen September 12; closes for year December 21; reopens January 2, 1951.

The Idaho Falls temple closes for Conference April 3, 6, 7, and 8; closes for summer July 29; reopens September 5. Closes for the conference September 28, 29 and 30 reopening October 3; closes November 23; reopens January, 1951.

The Logan temple closes for conference April 6, 7, 8, and 9; closes February 22, May 30, July 4, July 24; closes for summer August 4, reopens September 11; closes for Conference September 29 and 30, October 1; also November 11 and 23. Closes for year December 15, 1950, reopens January 2, 1951.

The Manti temple closes for Conference April 5, 6, and 7; also May 30, July 4 and July 24; closes for summer July 28; reopens September 5; closes for October Conference September 29; also closes November 30 and December 1. Closes for year December 22, and reopens January 2, 1951.

The St. George temple closes July 4; closes for summer July 15; reopens September 5; closes November 30. Closes for year December 22 and reopens January 2, 1951.

The Salt Lake temple closes on February 11 and 22; closes for the General Conference, April 6, 7 and 8; also May 30. Closes for summer June 30, reopens September 14; closes September 4 and for General Conference September 29, 30 and October 1. Closes October 12 and November 23; reopens November 27. Closes for year December 15 and reopens January 2, 1951.

## Alameda County DUP

The Alameda county camps of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers met at the home of Daughter Wanda Harmon of Cragmont avenue, Berkeley, January 12, 1950.

A meeting January 30 honored those who worked for and secured the State Registered Landmarks at Ripon and Mossdale in San Joaquin county.

It was noted that these are only spots marked commemorating the "Mormons" of 103 years ago. They are also the only landmarks of "Mormon" participation in creating California before the discovery of gold in the state, and before the constitution of the state of Deseret (Utah May, 1949) or the Constitution of California.

## AGGREGATE CLUB

Are you lonely? Do you feel left out at socials? The "Aggregates club" was organized for you. Composed principally of unmarried adults, the club meets weekly in Alameda ward recreation hall, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, Grand and Encinal avenue.

Games, programs, dancing, both old fashioned and modern with a few folk dances thrown in for variety, community singing, etc. Everyone has fun, please come.

For information call LA 4-2757.

## An Adjustment of Advertising Rates in the Messenger seems inevitable to keep in line with other publications and higher costs.

Therefore the Messenger's rate, beginning with the April issue, will be \$1.50 per column inch in ads of the current rate of \$1.25.

Since 1946 the Messenger circulation has increased from 2790 to 3500.



Full-time missionaries of the Northern California Mission assigned to labor in the east and west San Francisco bay area as they were assembled in conference at the Oakland ward chapel, Saturday, January 21, 1950. Left to right, first row: District President Kent Bennion; Mission President Thomas Gardner, Sister Gardner, Elder Duane Call; second row: Elders Daryl Talbot, Wesley Wooten, Wade Dewey, C. R. Reid; third row, Elders W. B. Speakman, G. E. Fullmer, Wilbert Bentley, Bert Tennsmeyer and Kenneth Bennion.

—photo by Wilford E. Pennock.

## Yours for Health and Strength

By BROTHER JONATHAN

Probably everyone as some time makes resolutions at the beginning of the year; but regardless of when you make your resolutions, it is never too late to make one concerning your health. Maybe you are in the best of health now. If so, make a resolution to stay that way. If you do not feel as you want to then make a resolution to get into condition so that you will "feel fit." This year can be your banner year for good health if you will only make it so, but the way you feel depends on what you do. You are responsible for your own physical condition.

If you are not feeling as you should, go away with all those little things that cause you so much discomfort such as headaches, colds, nervousness, lack of pep, listlessness, and those all unnecessary aches and pains. If the need to gain weight is your problem, then begin doing the things that will help you put on those needed pounds. You will soon notice an improvement in the way you feel. If you need to lose weight, then do it the right way. Never try to reduce by just starving yourself.

No matter what your present condition is you will find yourself feeling better by eating the proper foods, doing the proper exercises, and getting sufficient rest along with the many other things that contribute to better health. Resolve to "feel fit." It is well worth the trouble.

I shall be very happy to answer any question you may have regarding health from a physical culture standpoint. Please enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope with your question. Address all letters to Brother Jonathan in care of Brother Jonathan's Healthatorium, 3783 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 11, California.

## Mother-Daughter Gala

A delightful affair was the Oakland Stake Girl's party for their mothers held in Alameda chapel, January 19, 1949, and called the "Mother-Daughter Gala."

Under the general chairmanship of Mimi Candland, the party was an invitation, giving the girl's a chance to compose lovely rhymes as dainty invitations. The special talk on the theme of the evening, "Personal charm," was charmingly given by Irma Smith.

The musical program of the evening included such artists as Estralla Olszowska who sang two solos, Donna Carter with the two piano selections, and Ernestine Reidel who presented two violin numbers. Lola Stam pleased all with her dance numbers, after which Ruth Nelson gave a delightful reading. Light refreshments served in the style of a "tea" concluded the pleasant memories of a perfect evening for both mothers and daughters.

## Berkeley Stake Sweetheart Ball

A special feature of the annual Sweetheart Ball of the Berkeley Stake MIA at the Scottish Rite ballroom, on the shore of Lake Merritt, Friday February 10 will be a surprise intermission program with talent of unusual entertaining capabilities, according to Jay Brown, in charge of arrangements.

This year's Sweetheart Ball is being held in the Scottish Rite ballroom in order to accommodate comfortably the large number of couples who attend this popular event. No other ballroom of sufficient size is available.

Fine music will be furnished for the dancing by Maury Peterson's special orchestra. Special decorations are being planned under the direction of Ardell Kay president of the YWMA. Refreshments will be served during intermission.

Several ward groups are organizing special transportation parties to assure a large attendance and that none may be disappointed due to a lack of transportation. What is your ward doing? It's a generous way to assure a really fine time for your ward members.

## L. R. Jackson



A Farewell Testimonial was held in the Dimond Ward on January 3, 1950, for Louis R. Jackson. Elder Jackson entered the LDS Mission Home, January 9, 1950 from which he will leave for the Uguain Mission.

## 150 Elders Need Beds and Meals, February 8, 9, 10

Oakland chapel will be headquarters for the Northern California Mission Conference February 8, 9, and 10 1950 under the direction of President Thomas Gardner.

Word has been sent out near by wards regarding the need of these grand young men for beds for two nights, and breakfast and the evening meals. Good Samaritans may contact either the bishop or better phone Elder-Bennion Kellog 4-4031.

Volume IV.

## What is the Gift Of the Holy Ghost?

Speaking before the largest conference, 1957, of any previous Berkeley stake meeting, Marion G. Romney declared that the gift of the Holy Ghost is to have the companionship of a divine person, and without this no man can know that Jesus is the Christ. Recalling the survey of hundreds of ministers made by the late Senator Beveridge, and the showing that none of them was positive that Jesus was the divine son of Mary, the speaker affirmed that no minister can say that he knows that Jesus is the Christ, because none of them has received the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Reminding his audience that Joseph Smith had said that the saints who kept themselves close to the Lord would feel, from time to time, "strokes of intelligence coming into their minds," Elder Romney said that even some LDS do not have the Holy Ghost as they should have.

If we live close to God we shall know that "all things are done in the wisdom of Him who knoweth all things," and, he continued, we shall know that when God says anything he KNOWS, and make no mistakes. "How wonderful if we could only act in this omniscient wisdom! We can, yes, we can by keeping near to God and having the Holy Ghost to enlighten us."

The speaker illustrated this by the young missionaries going into large cities seeking the few that have no way of finding these few among the teeming millions, but the Holy Ghost knows.

"I have experienced this myself. On my mission to Australia I labored in Newcastle where there were only two saints. Going from door to door no one listened, and I became discouraged. I went alone on the hillside under some trees and prayed with all my heart to God, saying, 'Surely there are some earnest seekers here. Send me the Holy Ghost to guide me.'"

"Next day things began to happen and people came to me, and I found sincere souls; soon there were 18 or 20 investigators, and a branch of the church was built there."

Elder Romney closed by saying that God is particular. He will not be with disobedient ones, but will surely stay by and aid the humble and the obedient. He summarized the two things that are needed to get the Holy Ghost:

1. Be more prayerful; drive (Continued on page eight)

Berkeley, California, March, 1950



Pittsburg Ward has seen Bishop J. Harold Magleby released after several years of devoted service to the saints of Pittsburg, Antioch and Brentwood. Installed in the present bishopric are brethren shown above, standing left to right: Reid Peterson, clerk; Raymond Gibbs, second counselor; seated, La Farr P. Astle, bishop; Kenneth Porter, first counselor. All these brethren served with Bishop Magleby except Elder Porter, who is relatively a new member of the ward, and currently connected with the school of Antioch.

## DUP Convention Met at Palo Alto

Fifty members of the Alameda County Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers drove to beautiful Palo Alto for the annual convention, Monday, February 27. Four visitors from Salt Lake City attended, including President Kate Carter, a most dynamic personality.

It was announced the great DUP building in SLC will be completed in June of this year. The convention consisted of reports of county presidents and an exhibit of pioneer relics.

A delicious luncheon was served, and everything was done by the West Bay Camps for the success of the convention.

## Oakland Stake Conference, April 1-2

The Oakland stake quarterly conference is scheduled for April 1 and 2 in the Oakland ward chapel, corner of MacArthur and Webster. Welfare will be featured. We are informed, since the Messenger (Continued on page four.)

## Oak. Stake News

### PRIMARY ASSOCIATION

The Trail Builders of the stake, with both their fathers or mothers, will be honored at a party March 10 in Hayward ward chapel in charge of the Stake Primary Board.

Primary Conference will be held in Salt Lake City, April 4 and 5. Union meeting for the Primary ward and stake workers will be held in the Elmhurst chapel, 17 March.

At the Stake Primary Board meeting at Lucile Schow's in Alameda, Feb., Mavis Humphreys of Dimond ward gave a very enlightening lesson on the Book of Mormon which will be the basis of the year's Primary study. Three former board members, Alta McClay, Chairman Vause and Beth Egertsen, were honored and another board members, Leah Fincher, recognized since the day was her birthday.

### RELIEF SOCIETY

The Stake Relief Society on March 4 will do the long-needed thing, that is give a party and dinner in honor of the older members of the seven wards, those of 65 and up. Over 200 are expected to attend.

Twenty-seven boxes of the best clothing obtainable were shipped to Japan to Pres. Vinal Mauss by Hilda Perkins and her stake board and the societies of the seven wards. Several new quilts and many blankets besides much clothing, and shoes, etc., were cleaned and neatly packed for 60 orphaned Japanese children in the care of a Japanese member of the Church.

We are proud of the charitable work of our women. Iola Shumway of Maricopa Stake, Arizona, has sent a letter of appreciation for the 18 sacks of coats, dresses, shoes, etc., she has received from Oakland Stake for the destitute Indians.

The rummage sale of the Stake board helped much financially. Without that cash the heavy expense of shipping so much clothing would have been prohibitive. All this foresight is a testimony of the inspiration of our leaders.

In fact enough cash was turned over to the stake president, Delbert Wright, to pay for furnishing and refinishing the Relief Society storage and work room at the Welfare Center. Another wonderful improvement is being made there, new cabinets and show cases.

At the last Relief Society stake board meeting a luncheon was enjoyed honoring our stake Relief Society science leader, Marjorie Nielson, who now has moved to Santa Monica, and Lila Graham, who has asked for a release after five years of faithful service as magazine director.

The ward Relief Societies are planning excellent programs at the ward Sacramento meetings, Sunday March 5.

### WELFARE WORK

President Delbert F. Wright (Continued on page five.)

## Liahona Club News



Before a room full of Liahona diners the February 27th session of the Liahona club elected officers for the year ahead and made important decisions regarding building plans and financing of the proposed Liahona Lodge at the club's new 10-acre club site on the Stanislaus river.

Accepting the report of a nominating committee headed by Herb Van Noy, the club re-elected A. D. Erickson president for another year and gave him as vice presidents, Don Alphin and Curt Millward, and elected Dennis Lauper, secretary, and Charles E. Mills treasurer.

Pres. Erickson passed among the members an architectural drawing of the proposed lodge as modified to meet suggestions of the January meeting. After an interesting discussion of a plan to build at cost and sell for profit a cottage in the east bay in order to raise an estimated \$2500 to \$3000 towards the cost of the lodge on the Stanislaus, a committee of three was appointed by the chair and empowered to proceed with the cottage construction. The committee consists of Jos. C. Eyring, chairman, Curt Millard, B. Ball and San Scott with Curt Bybee advisors.

The club adopted a motion to the effect that it is the sentiment of the club that club members now pay to the club treasurer \$25 or more towards their first year allotment for the lodge project, this first year's fund now to be available as needed to finance the proposed cottage erection or lot purchase therefore.

Finally, the club expressed its general sentiment for a future modification of the constitution of the club so as to enlarge club membership to 200 by making eligible owners and operators of their own business, and all professional people, and also officers and executives of both private and public corporations (not including city or state corporations).

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## Kieth Stephens Leaves For Great Lakes Mission

On Wednesday evening, March 1, 1950, a farewell testimonial was held for Kieth Leon Stephens at the Dimond Ward Chapel, 3618 Dimond Avenue, Oakland, California.

Elder Stephens entered the LDS Missionary Home on Monday, March 6, 1950 for a short period of

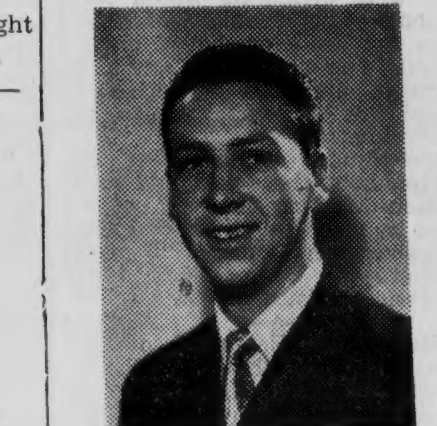


instructions prior to leaving for the Great Lakes Mission. A graduate of Fremont High school and an employee of the Oakland Tribune, Elder Stephens was serving as the secretary of the Fourth Quorum of Elders, Dimond Ward, Oakland Stake, at the time of his call.

The parents of Elder Stephens are Marion G. and Estella Nielson Stephens. Brother "M. G." (as he is known by his friends) is a member of the Liahona Club and is a prominent LDS businessman in both Oakland and Alameda.

## Elder Bruce L. Morgan

Elder Bruce L. Morgan, our Alameda ward missionary, reports from our rival stake of Florida that the people there are the best he ever met. He traveled east from Salt Lake City with a large number of missionaries filling three cars which were so designated



ed on the outside of the cars. These were divided and subdivided until Bruce found himself a lone missionary going to Miami. He has toured the district with the presiding elder, and slept one night in his car.

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## Martinez Ward

MISS KAY CREER, Reporter.

Members of the ward were happy to see the ground between the chapel and the ward welfare building being graded for extra parking area. Our attendance has considerably increased since the beginning of the year. Congratulations to Vance Roskelly who has been advanced to the office of a priest and to Drayton G. Nuttall, who has been ordained a deacon. We are happy to have Wanda Roskelly back from the hospital and to see Ira Markham recovering from his recent operation. Recently baptized into the church were Gordon W. Greer, Keith Parker and Alfred Lewis. To give a better understanding of the lesson material, motion pictures have been shown in Sunday morning classes. February 14 proved to be more than just Valentine's Day for members attending Mutual, with a night of games and food. Refreshments were made possible by the Scouts who sold punch and popcorn. "White Elephant" prizes were awarded to the winning couples at each table. Eleven members of the Fireside group attended a party pull at the home of Battie Vom Dorp. Games were played and delicious refreshments were served. The Scouts returned to the mountains for a "snow trip" January 21. It was a very enjoyable day for everyone. Saturday night basketball has attracted young and old. Practice is held every Saturday night with occasional games with other wards. Walnut Creek ward defeated Martinez ward in a game played February 18. Recent visitors from Idaho were Eldon and Edna Felt, former members of Martinez ward. Bishop and Sister Wayne McIntire drove east where Brother McIntire is attending educational conventions in Chicago and Kansas City and visiting with his brothers in Chicago.

## What Things Children Will Say

By MILDRED MORGAN  
Alameda Ward

Little Dennis Morgan, my 3½ year-old grandson of Dimond, became so enamored of his swearing and profaning bachelor neighbor because of the many gifts and sweetmeats that he gave Dennis, that he began to mimic the profanity. At this the bachelor laughed hilariously, thus encouraging Dennis to swear more. Dennis' parents had to keep him home from Sunday school because they were afraid he would reel off some of his "blankety-blanks." Then the bachelor moved away. Dennis forgot him and his language, and was permitted to attend Sunday school which he dearly loved. One Sunday while telling his daddy about the songs and nice teachers his face suddenly sobered as he sidled up to his dad and whispered sorrowfully, "I can't go there any more, daddy, they say Jesus Christ, too."

Little Lewis Boyle IV, of Dimond suggested that there be a children's day. When asked why he said: "We have a 'faver's' day and 'muuvver's' day, now I want a cake, candy and pajamas."

## Berkeley Stake MIA Calendar, March-April

11, Sat.—Spring party for Jr. Girls and Jr. M Men at Berkeley.  
12, Sun.—Stake MIA Leadership meeting, 2:30 p.m.  
18, Sat.—Stake M Men-Gleaner Girl banquet and dance.  
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5, Wed.—Stake board meeting at Berkeley.  
22, Sat.—Father and Son's outing.  
28, Fri.—Stake Gold and Green Ball, Scottish Rite Auditorium.  
(not April 14, as previously planned and announced)

## Huge Pilgrimage Dinner Focuses Attention On June Caravan to Salt Lake City Temple

Dinner throngs totaling 385 feasted on chicken pie and the trimmings and then turned to applaud the two hours entertainment which featured a program of ten tableaux by the Gamma Rho Chi girls in dramatization of a richly stocked LDS "Book of Remembrance," and talks on the coming June caravan interspersed with entertainment numbers and consumed by the singing of the three winning theme songs by the Walnut Creek choir led by Nico D. Snell.

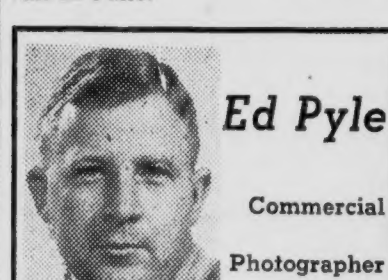
This was one of the outstanding events of the year for high inspiration combined with wholesome fun. Especially enjoyed was the elaborate "Book of Remembrance" dramatization which had been composed by Alma Dean Feller and staged by Dirk Decker.

Under the sponsorship of the pilgrimage committee, headed by Delbert H. Rock, the dinner accomplished its purpose of bestirring latent interest in the forthcoming June automobile caravan for temple work in the great Salt Lake temple. "Sel" Milward was at his best as master of ceremonies and the three "Melody Boys" of Walnut Creek, Paul Tucker in his professionally done impersonations in song, Hazel Ball's silver throated vocal solos, and the superb, soul-touching piano adaptations of old LDS favorite hymns by Nico D. Snell rounded out an evening of enjoyment capped by appeals by Isaac B. Ball and Delbert H. Rock for deeper devotion to the sacred privilege of serving our dead ancestors both by genealogical research and ordinance work for them in the holy temples of the Lord.

The fine spirit of mingling together, the neighborliness so greatly needed in these days; the delicious food, the sparkling program, and the generous attendance and consequent financial success—all these add up to a perfect score. Thanks to all who worked so faithfully.

The winning theme song, "The Dead Will Live Again," was composed by Alameda Carlyle of 402 Grand avenue, Oakland, a member of Oakland ward; the second prize winner, "Working for the Dead," was one whose words were from the pen of James C. Wright of Oakland stake, were set to original music by Nico D. Snell of Walnut Creek, while the third choice of the committee was "Joyous Temple Caravan," written by Sarah Hawks of Napa ward.

These choice numbers were sung for the audience by a quartet composed of Ardel Kay, Reed Chase, Wanda Chase and James Kay. First prize was far to the Salt Lake temple with the caravan in June.



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## A Word About France

By ELDER REED B. HARKER,  
recently returned Claremont  
Ward Missionary.

In a few words I should like to tell you something of what we were doing in the French mission, and mention to you some of my impressions of the French people, their customs, their ideas, and their interest in religion.

My impression of the French people is that they are of the same type and mind as we are, but their equipment is sometimes fifty years behind the times. Streets are laid by hand since they use cubical stones for the street surface instead of asphalt. Door entrances to houses must be widened by hand because the door jam is of granite and it must be chiseled out by hammer and chisel. Oxen pull old wagons or carts. Horses and coaches are quite common.

The morals of the French people are good. There is great family solidarity and the sanctity of the home is guarded. The American soldiers in France brought some condemnation upon the American people in the minds of the French people because they did not realize that the sanctity of the home is guarded there.

The French people have not joined the Church because they have not heard of it. The early Germans did not become Christians for the same reason. John Taylor was in France from 1849 to 1852. Someone else went there in 1862 but from then until 1910 there was no one from the Church. There were about six missionaries from 1910 to 1914. Then in 1920 there were about 30. From 1935 to this war the number in that field reached 75 but that was all. The present number in the mission is 150.

In our cottage meetings we were using a very good plan presenting a concise well documented explanation of the gospel. The material for this plan, compiled by the mission president, James L. Barker, was taken from the encyclopedias of the Catholic church. This has greatly aided the missionaries to understand and teach the predominantly Catholic French-speaking nations.

To show you the success now being realized in the mission the

following excerpts from a letter by Elder Kenneth Perry are quoted. "The cottage meetings are going along fine. Just the other night, Brother Grandjean asked for baptism. I certainly was thrilled as I know you will be. The only thing, I wished you could have been there to fully realize the experience and joy with me. I gave the last lesson in the Anderson outline. Enlarged upon it a little, especially on the testimony part and then asked him to give a little review on baptism and the Holy Ghost, authority, etc. Then I hit the necessity of being baptized. At the end of the evening, I asked him if he had any questions or anything that wasn't clear and he said, 'I have only one question, and that is one you posed to me earlier: when can I be baptized?'

Then tears came to his eyes, and he bore his testimony; really was touching, and we all had tears in our eyes. He has stopped smoking completely, and has started to come to Church. I think both he and his wife will be baptized soon. I'll write and tell you about it. That gives you an idea of the present spirit of the French mission."

I mentioned earlier that the customs of the French people impressed me. Similarly the French language and people impressed me. It is a very beautiful language and the people are a chosen people of the Lord. Evidence shows that they accept the gospel whenever they are properly given the message.

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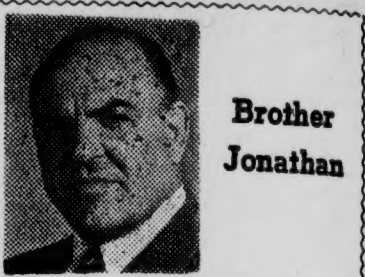
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## Berk. Stake News

Lewis Roland, stake improvement Era Director, is currently urging Ward Era directors, especially in the larger wards, to redouble their efforts in this important work. While some of the top wards have gone over the top, the larger wards are lagging.

Attention is called to the fact the Era is the official organ of the Priesthood, and also "the voice of the Church." All saints are urged to subscribe or to renew old subscriptions at this time.

Calling all M Men and Gleaners! In date to Friday, April 28 for the annual Gold and Green Ball in the Scottish Rite ballroom. The old date was April 14.

The grand Musical Festival date has been moved into the month of May on a day to be announced later. Work on this classic musical festival is reported as progressing with uninterrupted tempo.

The cast of the Mikado is almost complete, and the principals will soon be ready for rehearsals. David Wood has been called to the East German Mission. Since this is now beyond the "Iron Curtain" it is not known how long the Elders will be tolerated by the Soviet powers that be. David will have some interesting experiences, no doubt, while serving the Lord in warning the nations before the day of judgement which seems so ominously near these days.

At the monthly Stake Priesthood meeting, February 26, the following advancements in the Priesthood were approved by vote: to be ordained Elders, Robert Leroy McCullough and Lamont Carr; to be ordained High Priests, Irving F. Erickson, Blaine J. Hadcock and Joseph Cullum.

## GENEALOGICAL NEWS

President Nathan Tolman of the Stake Committee announces that at the June temple pilgrimage work will be done on the families of the local saints. If they wish to be cleared for this purpose and time, and if they will then inform Albert Dietiker, 14 Carmel Ave., El Cerrito, LA. 5-9508.

That Word "Genealogy"! How is it to be pronounced? Instructions from the Church Genealogical Society are as follows: First syllable, "Gen" to be pronounced the same as "gen" in the word Genesis; the second E is long and sounds like EE; and the "alogy" is not pronounced "ology" but "alogy" in analogy. Let's try to follow instructions, please.

## STAKE PRIMARY

President Annette Wood of the stake Primary announces that the stake Trail builders and Dads' Outing will occur Saturday, April 1.

The stake and ward Primary workers are planning a get-acquainted party which will be held soon and will be in the nature of a pot-luck supper and evening entertainment.

The Berkeley Stake Officers thank all the young and the old for their excellent support in the recent penny "birthday" drive for the Primary Hospital.

## Berkeley Ward FIRST WARD

DAWNA ERIKSON and CAROL DUNHAM

The Relief Society program celebrating the organization of the Society in March, 1844, was held March 5. The excellent program was enjoyed by all. The MIA Special Interest class is sponsoring a series of book reviews. The first was given Feb. 22, when Richard W. Young reviewed the book, "Lead Kindly Light" based on the life and teachings of Mahatma Gandhi. This was an interesting and enlightening book since the author, a rather cynical newspaper reporter and author, was so deeply impressed by Gandhi's spirit and philosophy that he became one of his devoted followers.

The second in the series was given March 7 when Marion Taylor reviewed "The Master Mind."

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The April Messenger will be enlarged 50 per cent.

The printer of the Messenger has made a special offer in regard to printing an enlarged April Messenger for our LDS business-professional directory issue.

Before going into further details, let us explain that the Messenger printer and his family are recent converts to the gospel (he is now Sunday school superintendent of Fairfield branch). He owns a very large, fully equipped print shop and two weekly newspapers.

Therefore, he has become enthused in regard to our April LDS business-professional directory. The printer (his name is Ray E. Campbell), now offers to give us an 8-page, 6-column, 20" length April Messenger, 50 per cent larger than the usual tabloid size, in order that there might be ample space for our many group pictures of ward business and professional members (from Napa to Hayward) and also our advertising.

Importantly, let us add, this enlarged space will solve what has been one of our growing headaches, namely, how to find space for more and enlarged ads in the April Messenger.

Remember, each ward will have its own, individual, exclusive section with its own business-professional group picture, its own ward news, and its own business ads all together. The time is so short that advertisers should let us now know their wishes regarding space and their copy.

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## Dimond Ward

**STELLA S. HOOPES**  
The youth of Dimond ward were extensively entertained at an award dinner Feb. 27th; Turkey and all the trimmings, and a good time for all. Thanks to our excellent youth leaders.

Some very interesting Sacrament meetings in February. Archie Inset, Herman Offens from Oakland Ward telling of his many recent interesting experiences in the Netherlands. Rulon Dosey on high council night.

The Relief Society members have several special parties coming up in March.

Bertha and Ray Daniels attended the funeral of Ray's brother, Horace, at the North Long Beach ward Feb. 22nd. Bertha reports that their son Howard is happy, good health and is going to labor in Tripoli, Lebanon.

FLASH! Naomi Booth and Brigham Young Card announced their engagement recently. They plan to be married in June. We are happy for you both, and know you'll be very happy either here or in Canada.

Vin Earl Burns, better known as "Bill" from Berkeley, has asked the Robert McAllisters for their eldest daughter Floyann. Their engagement was announced at the Berkeley Sweetheart Ball. They will be married sometime in June in the LDS Temple.

A very interesting musical program on the life of Gershwin was given at Mutual Feb. 8th. The program was prepared by Donna Bates. A farewell was given for Keith Stevens March 1. Keith leaves for the mission home March 6th to prepare for the Great Lakes mission. Richard Phelps has been called to the Uruguayan mission, leaving sometime in June—Bishop Elmo Smith talked on temple ordinances at Fireside Feb. 19. He showed interior views of the Salt Lake Temple.

Bill and Ann Powell took off for Palm Springs and there about late in February and had a wonderful time. Winnifred Phelps left for Idaho the last of February to visit relatives for several weeks. She will see Richard in Salt Lake on her return trip. Have a good time, Winnifred.

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## Hayward Ward

MRS. ROBERT LIVINGSTON.

Hayward really made a good showing at the last stake baptismal services, since nine of the ten then receiving baptism were from Hayward, six being adults. The nine are: Chandler Shumate, Norleen Dennis, Betty Maynes, Marjorie Murphy, John Teague, Julie Rockwell, Robert Jena, Lita Marsten and George Wellman. The cordially invited guests of members with us into the Church of Christ.

Julene Willis and Ray Self were married at Carmel February 4. Best wishes.

February 24 the Girls' Committee sponsored a dinner for raising funds for taking a group of our girls to Mead temple at Easter time to do baptismal work for the dead. They still need additional transportation. If anyone has a car available please respond. It will be a wonderful opportunity for our girls.

President Wright came to Hayward February 19 at which time DeOrr Sorenson was released as ward clerk, Verdie Starks and Alma Shuller as assistants. William Rosenkrantz was sustained as ward clerk with George Verdie Starks as helper. Margaret McClellan was released as superintendent of the Junior Sunday School. Helen Adams was sustained in that position.

Melba Day, our outgoing Relief Society president, was honored at a goodbye luncheon, February 17, because she has changed her residence to San Leandro ward.

All who failed to attend our last Sweetheart Ball missed a jolly time. The largest attendance ever, saw Vance Turner chosen queen. The whole ward was saddened to learn that Ray, although recovering somewhat he is still very ill with one of the worst cases, say the physicians. His faith is wonderful, however, and the elders have been called almost daily. With our combined faith and prayers he will be made whole again. Day's brother, Reed, is in Switzerland on a mission at the present time.

**BRIEF BIOGRAPHY**  
One of the most notable and best loved characters of our ward is Sister Ella Christian. At age 86, and a widow, she attends Sunday School regularly and takes a very active and inspiring part in the class. She is the mother of nine living children, 34 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Making a total posterity of 30, while she is still spared to be among them.

Sister Christian was born in Fillmore, Utah. Her father, Thomas Edwin King, piloted an ox team across the plains, he walking all the way barefooted at the age of 13. Her grandmother Rebecca Jane Murray, washed a handkerchief in the Missouri to the Great Salt Lake.

Sister Christian, we remember Brigham Young when he sat on his knee, talking with him and playing with his beard. She heard his last talk in the Bernama, and the inspiring and encouraging advice he always gave to the Saints.

Truly this good sister has had a full and interesting life, and hands on a rich heritage to her large family.

## Fairfield News

Maxine Campbell Reporter

Relief Society members presented the program Sunday evening, March 5, with our meeting room filled to capacity. Pres. Dorothy Blaisdel announced the Relief Society birthday party will be held March 17.

The youth award banquet will be held Friday evening, March 10, in Waterman Park Community center building. Our boys and girls have been looking forward to this affair.

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The MIA will present a three-act comedy, "That Lucas Family," on March 28. Dorothy Pinkerton, who was our Gold and Green Ball queen this year, is director. President Orin I. Oliver announces our first branch reunion has been set for April 1. We've been an independent branch for one year.

THE MESSENGER will act as a free clearing office for automobiles transported to and from the April General Conference in SLC. You may register and leave your address and phone number if you (1) wish to secure an auto ride, or (2) have room for passengers. Call Mr. or Mrs. I. B. Ball, AS. 3-8131.

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Carol Lu Salm, daughter of Bro. and Sis. E. A. Salm, had an engagement party in February and was married Mar. 5 to Ralph Sutherland, who is in the navy. They met in an LDS chapel in Hawaii last year and will make their home with the bride's parents. Congratulations to our new bride and groom.

Forty years of Scouting, and all scouts were honored at a special sacrament service and a splendid social party for scouts and their mothers and fathers, under the direction of Heber J. Brown and Peter Easton.

Yes, Donna Lee Wall's recital was a success and Estherella Alsoskwa's voice made it complete. Bishop Ward's choir also gave a fine performance.

Thanks to these talented artists and to those who supported them.

We shall surely miss Sister Margaret Rea, because she has moved to Fresno with her family. Hurry back, dear Sister Rea.

Bishop Ward's choir has been made a branch president in the Argentine Mission.

We also have learned that Jay Sorenson has started a choir in the Denmark Mission.

Lois Kuntz and Lon Wansgard have become engaged. Lois was recently baptized and to this young couple we send a welcome.

Vic Grow, who recently returned from the French Mission, moved to San Francisco to attend S. F. State college. Vic has been active and we wish him good luck.

Have you seen our new library? We wish to thank Bro. Johnson and Don Wall for their efforts in making our library complete and attractive.

Brother John Hughes, of the Oakland Bishopric, and his wife, have recently returned from a trip East, where he took an examination of the American Board of Pedodontics at Michigan, then journeying to Chicago to attend the mid-winter dental convention. Having picked up a new Buick, they journeyed to New Orleans and Texas, then home. Bro. Hughes has received word that he passed his exam. Congratulations.

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Bishop Thys Winkel and his wife, Reba, have left for New Orleans where they will begin a two-months' trip of the Caribbean Islands now at their best. We trust they will both find the much needed rest after a few years while Thys led the ward in the erection of the finest chapel in the bay area, while at the same time serving as the ward's Bishop.

W. V. Spackman, a member of the Canadian Parliament of the Social Credit Party, is visiting his son Ken, for a period of two weeks.

One of our Junior M. Men, Gay Powell, is serving as yell leader at Alameda. He's Student Body. Ken will also play the lead part in the senior play, "Seven Sisters."

Everyone is urged especially to attend the MIA on drama night. Bishop MIA group will present a part on the program which is under the direction of Ken Spackman.

It may not be Spring as yet, but in truth the love bug has bit in Alameda as shown by the many engaged couples who walked through the heart of recent Sweetheart Ball.

Among these happy people are Darlene Baird and George Haiding; Eugene Goodman and Al Smith; Eugene Buie and Ken Spackman; Ellen Tanner and Lee Daniels, and Alice Hunt and Ken Hanson.

Carol Toussley and Wayne Fox will be married by Bishop Francis Winkel March 10 at the Chapel of the Chimes.

Congratulations to the excellent Alameda basketball team for their good work right up to the end of the season.

Alvin C. Barlow will replace C. B. Kimball as superintendent of our S. S. A. C. Thompson will serve as first counselor, the second counselor has not been chosen as yet.

Alameda's Gold and Green Ball is going to be really a gala affair this year. Homer Cocke's orchestra, with an Arabian Nights theme, and the Queen presented Arabian Nights' style.

Everyone who comes will say, "Why, this is Bagdad by the bay."

Another General Agt. Joins Local Colony

Elsewhere in this Messenger the reader will notice the "announcement" of Louis A. Schrepel who has just opened offices for the American National Insurance company as its general agent in the East Bay area.

And thereby hangs a little tale of interest.

After filling a mission to the Southern States, Mr. Schrepel (Dimond ward) started with the American National Insurance Co., in SLC 15 years ago, and eight years ago came to San Francisco as the company's general agent for all northern California. Now for his own personal reasons, he has asked to be relieved of that

## Pittsburg Ward

THORA ASTLE

Thoughts from the New Bishopric and Bishop Astle: In order to have unity and harmony we must look to the good in everyone. If we must have criticism, let it be constructive. In what we do and say we should use the positive approach. Let him who is without sin cast the first stone.

Kenneth Porter: Why live? Why work and struggle and sacrifice? The Lord gave the answer through the prophet Lehi when he said that "men are that they might have joy." Genuine happiness—the happiness one feels when he has the Spirit of the Lord as his constant companion.

Raymond Gibbs: The prospects for the Pittsburg ward are very bright this year, and I know that we can accomplish many things if everyone will get behind us with their faith and prayers: will sacrifice pleasures, and give their time when called upon.

It pays to advertise, we are told. Through the efforts of Harry Oakes and the Ward Ladies Chorus the Pittsburg ward has become very well advertised. December 27th marked the ward's 25th birthday.

The Lions Club, and was followed January 30th by the presentation of three chamber of commerce installation.

Finally they were asked to sing for the Rotary club and the Ladies Chorus. Their performances were well received. Congratulations! Keep up the good work.

To our membership have been added the Chell Stoddard and William Furne families, now living in Alameda. These active families are a welcome addition to our ward.

However, we must take the loss of a couple, long intimately associated with us in church work, to the orphan Tahitos, have now moved to St. George, Utah. We shall miss them, but perhaps they may decide to like California better and return to us. We sincerely hope so.

Pittsburg ward now has its own radio program, KECC, the local radio station, has allotted fifteen minutes for the ward's program.

These programs, called "Daily Devotional Periods," are aired from 8 a. m. to 8:45 a. m. five days a week, and each church is allowed approximately one 15-minute period a month.

Program was on February 14, Valentine's day music being furnished by the Ladies' Chorus, and speaker the day being Bishop LaFarr Astle.

On March 25th the ward will hold its annual green and gold Ball in the Eagles' hall at 12th and Montezuma streets. The motif this year will be very unusual. From the advance notices, we are expecting a gala event.

great responsibility and much travel, and has taken the Oakland agency where he will recruit a force of company representatives.

His wife, Marion Owen Schrepel, of the Salt Lake Owen family, and he will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary next month, and have with them their three married children, two daughters and a son, all living in Oakland, and all members of the church.

The good chums of Mr. Schrepel include Clyde Summerhays, Angus Norberg and the two doctors, Melvin G. and Dean Hart. So it will not be hard for the Schrepels to feel at home hereabouts. We welcome them in behalf of their friends and the colony in general.

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## San Leandro Ward

VERNA JACKSON

It is "over the top" for San Leandro ward. The dinner Feb. 24, which also commemorated our third birthday, received your fullest support and cooperation and made it possible for us to reach our chapel budget goal. Surely each of the ward members must feel a personal pride in such accomplishment.

Our building fund committee, under the chairmanship of John Webster, is to be highly commended for such successful drive. Many hours have been devoted by the committee members in planning campaigns and carrying through with ticket sales, personal contacts, etc.

Many hours have been devoted by the women of the ward in support of the building program. Good food has its appeal, and we are convinced our San Leandro ladies are among the best of cooks.

The young people of the ward have shown a great deal of interest in the project too, and have helped willingly and well. In fact, everyone has seemingly cooperated 100 per cent, and now—as San Leandro ward begins its fourth year—we are the proud possessors of a chapel to call our own.

May the spirit presently existing among us continue so that we may enjoy our new surroundings and find increased activity and interest in church work.

San Leandro ward has been given an assignment for the season referred to as "Operation Clean-up." At least three men each week are asked to spend a few hours at the welfare farm. If you would care to volunteer your services, please contact Bro. Newell Christensen, his phone number is SWetwood 8-3990.

Bill Farnsworth, at present spending several months in the navy in China and the Far East, has been released as second counselor to S. S. Sup. Reid Lesser and in his place Allan Davidson, Jr., has been substituted by ward members. Congratulations, Allan.

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• Our very dearest friend, Clyde Lindsay, former counselor in the old S. P. and the early Oakland stake presidencies dropped in the other Sunday. He's building homes as always but now in that bustling area of Hayward and south to Newark. Clyde is also now serving Hayward as its S. S. Superintendent. And sweet Mrs. Lindsay, when they called, was with Clyde when they called.

• Herb Van Noy (Dimond ward) is getting to be like the man who mounded his horse and rode off in four directions. What we mean is that Herb now is proprietor (with Maltby) of four modern hardware stores. Know where? Well there are three Maltby-Van Noy hardware stores the main one at 5601 College street, Alameda, and the new one at 1424 East 14th Street, San Leandro; besides these there is the big "Oaks Hardware Store," 1855 Solano avenue, Berkeley but near the Albany line.

• Our good old friend, Manton Moody (Maxwell ward) proprietor of Hillcrest Motel and Brookside Auto Court and Trailer Sales lot, and of trailer sales lots at 8500 MacArthur and at 206 San Pablo avenue (he also is like the man that mounds and rides off in four directions) tells us that plans for the new Hotel-Motel on the two acres he just bought from the Church at MacArthur and Van Buren (former proposed Oakland-Berkeley stakes Tabernacle site) are on the drawing board. It will be a beauty, two decks all around, parking for cars near each suite, and a restaurant.

• Mrs. Lenore Hill of Berkeley ward, reports encouraging response from the saints of the east bay in sending to her their magazine renewals and new orders. Sister Hill is experienced in this and thus insures efficient service to all colony members. Her number is in the phone book and the last Messenger ad.

• Sel and Curt Millward, Claremont ward, will soon announce they say, an attractive sale of case lot canned goods. They challenge anyone to name a kind of canned food they cannot supply at this special sale.

• Dennis L. Lauper, our insurance brokerage man from Dimond ward, and associated with our old friend Harold Jensen of San Francisco, reports that 1949 was notable for the fact that fire losses decreased over 1948, the first time this has happened in a decade. Fire prevention week needs to be observed every week, Dennis remarks.

• Fred J. Breneman, Rachel and I. B. Ball's grandson-in-law, one of the most expert upholsterers in the entire bay area, has opened his own business under the name of Fred J. Breneman Upholstery Co., at 6253 Claremont avenue, just off College, with phone HU. 3-6920. Good going, Fred.

• William H. Evans, formerly president of the Liahona club, is currently serving the Oakland chamber of commerce on two important committees: the foreign trade and the civic affairs com-

mittees. The latter is concerned at present with bringing a new Union depot to Oakland, so that all rail, bus and air lines would come into one big depot. Another project of this committee is that of getting two thoroughways out between MacArthur and East 14th street to take care of some traffic jams.

World trade is a subject which Wm. H. has had to deal personally in his own business as importer of fine blankets. He also exports and jobs in this branch of trade. The Messenger greets our old and choice friend, Wm. H. Evans, one of the godfathers of the Messenger when it first had air blown into its lungs by the Liahona club in April, 1946.

• Elmer Harker of the Harker and Jeffries Builders, Claremont ward, recently completed a two bedroom home in Orinda, and is now finishing a three bedroom beauty there. Both for private parties. We suppose most know that they finished Dr. Robert Larsen's four bedroom house for him in Happy Valley. Let's ete before he left for England on the trip from which he and his family recently returned.

• Phil Lewis, the fire insurance man of Richmond and their ward scout commissioner, has recently formed a new partnership insurance firm called the East Bay Agency with offices at 513 17th street, Richmond. Three others are associated with him representing several companies under the slogan: "The best for the least."

• About the cleaningest business we have among us, we think, is Leroy Green of Oakland. He is available, he says, for washing and polishing floors, and windows, etc. "and what have you" about the modern house. May be called at Temp. 2-0056.

• Alton Olson, (Richmond ward clerk) prop. of Olson Paint company, there on Solano avenue, about two blocks east of San Pablo avenue, tells us they are doing a lively business in the textile paints, the prung and alpha colors and the inks. It's the latest craze: the schools have taken it up and lots of our church people are finding in it a lot of beauty and fun.

• Do you know Peter Easton, the genial reality man on Telegraph at 5520? Well, you'll like him. He came here from 13 years in the bishopric of the largest ward in the church, 2000 (at that time), Evanston, Wyoming (now there are three fine wards there). Two years ago he broke into the Realtors field after an apprenticeship with firms in Oakland. He reports 1949 as a good year with him both in insurance and in realty sales. He serves Berkeley

chiefly, but also Oakland and, in fact, "all over."

• The "strongest man" among our LDS business men in the east bay, our able muscled "Brother Jonathan" of the Healthatorium on Piedmont near MacArthur, reports that Miss Lowla Stum is associated with his healthatorium in charge of the ladies department. Lowla is a professional masseuse. Good news for ye ladies.

• We refer to Marion Caldwell of the Caldwell Roofing Co., at 6420 Shattuck. He's been doing the roof of the big building of Lederer, Street and Zeus on Alston Way, and the Armo Drainage and Metal Products on 7th and Parker, but he says most of his interest is in residence. Louis Rowland is associated with Marion. They have a good following here and in Pittsburg.

• Bonnie Shields (Oakland ward) the teacher of dance says she would like the Church people to know that she is willing to put on entertainment numbers. tap, ballet and acrobatic. Her pupils love to do this, and so does Bonnie. Call her as her ad is in the Messenger. She'll suit the dancing to the occasion no matter whether in home or amusement hall, before children or adults.

• If Don Wood tells us that Refinoli is better for less than fresh oils we just gotta wonder maybe 'cause he sells it, but when the Haslett Warehouse Company of Oakland and Los Angeles tells us they are overjoyed with the results of their fleet of fifty trucks, then maybe, we gotta rub our beards and say, "Well, that's something else again. Don, good for you! Fill'er up and we'll try it too if it's that good!"

• That big Haslett outfit has a lab of its own to test samples of oils from its trucks. They have used two drums of oil a month of Refinoli whereas it took four barrels before. Moreover, they used to tear down their motors and clean sludge out once a year on the average, now they have some motors that have run on Refinoli for three years and the lab still says O. K.

• Jenny Caldwell of Caldwell beauty and barber (Jenny and Earl of Oakland ward, you know) says she is having fine trade just now on account of her special on permanents. Glad for Jenny—and for the gals, too.

• The Utah turkey association is originating a national movement for "turkey by the piece" sale of the usual Thanksgiving birds so as to encourage all the year use of turkey meat by the average American.

# REQUEST FOR FREE NAME INSERTION IN EAST BAY LDS BUSINESS-PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY - APRIL 1950 MESSENGER

So that not even one eligible name shall be omitted we print this form. We wish everyone. Respond immediately, please, if you were not included in the group photos.

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## Rodeo Branch

It is a pleasure to greet you from our newly-organized Rodeo Branch. And inasmuch as we are not all too well acquainted, the suggestion was made that we use this means to introduce the officers of the branch. The president, as you know, is Reed Nelson, who lives in Torrey and is employed as supervisor of the chemical plants for the American Smelting & Refining company at Selby. Briefly he was born in the little town of College Ward, Cache Valley, Utah; received his B. S. Degree in chemistry from UAC, Logan, Utah; was called to serve as a missionary in the New England States; and attended the Ohio State university during a summer school course. The DuPont company opened its doors to this aspiring young chemist, and he was in their employ in the plants at Haute Indiana, and St. Paul, Minnesota.

He married in the Salt Lake Temple, Marjorie Yeates, who had just completed a mission to the North Central States. Brother Nelson served in various capacities in the Vallejo ward and, at the time of the division of the Vallejo-Carquinez wards, he was serving in the bishopric and is now president of Rodeo Branch.

A son and daughter complete the family, and the family feels it an honor, indeed, to mingle with you all, sharing in the joys that come from doing the work of our Father in Heaven.

Little Kay Ellen Pedersen, blessed by her father, Martel, was the first baby to be blessed in our branch. Another first is Denton Felton, who was baptized by Elder Wooten.

The Relief Society feels quite elated with the results of their food sale, and they are equally pleased with the fine response given their Black dinner. This organization, as well as all others, is very ably officered, and has a fine group of instructors. They meet on Tuesday mornings at ten o'clock, and invite every woman to enjoy the sessions.

Sunday school convenes at 10 a.m. sacrament meetings at 7:30 p.m., and Primary Tuesday afternoons at 3:30. Everyone who attended conference certainly was given spiritual enrichment.

ment by hearing the words of Bro. Romney. The inspiration he received from on high certainly was to be marveled at. It was truly a testimony of the divinity of our church, and we are grateful for his attendance.

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Appearing before most if not all of the wards of the two East Bay stakes, as well as before many civic, religious and musical assemblages over the past several years, the Mormon Male Chorus has won for itself the warmest affections of the local colony for its high artistry and unselfish devotion.

The last two quarterly stake conferences, one the Oakland, and the other the Berkeley stake conference, have been favored with sacred songs from the chorus under the leadership of Robert Sant and to the accompaniment of Mary Watkinson's playing.

Appropriately, therefore, we present a group picture of the chorus by Edward Pyle, commercial and portrait photographer of Berkeley (who a member of Walnut Creek ward) taken in February, 1950.

Back row, left to right: Mary Watkinson, accompanist; Marriner Swenson, James Kay, Joseph E. Russon, Harold Miller, Wendell Martin, Richard Alphin, Truman Nethercott, Earl Larson, Afton Stout, Gill Larson, Eugene D. Harris, Jay L. Robinson, Vao Cheney, Denzel Allen, Sr., and Jack Fitzpatrick.

Front row: Leland Wright, Alfred W. Fontana, Blain Wilson, Dean S. Hawley, Paul Summerhays, Alfred H. Uffens, Carl Decker, Glen Shaw, Jr., Rodney Pocock and Leon Baer.

Front: Robert Sant, leader. Absent: Cornell Jarman, Robert Brummett, Bert Boetes. Members at present on leave: Denzel Allen, Jr., Ted Baer, Jay Brown, Herbert A. Weiland, Oscar McCarthy and Leonard Lyons.

## Year's Welfare Accomplishments

President Wayne Mayhew reported at the stake conference the annual budget assessments and accomplishments for 1949 for Berkeley Stake. The accomplishments include 27,278 cans of fruit (apples, pears, peaches), and tomatoes, besides 6000 pounds of dried prunes; clothing and cash.

The value of the canned goods totals \$6,538.62 dried prunes \$810 clothing \$933, and cash \$2,503.76. A total value of \$10,823.63, or 89 per cent of the stake assignments total of \$12,110.

Half of the canned goods was shipped to the general committee and went to the needy saints in Europe, the prunes also, except \$34 worth were shipped to Salt Lake; the clothing remained in the stake storehouse together with 13,000 cans of fruit and tomatoes.

Pears represent the largest canning operation and were contributed largely by Walnut Creek and Martinez, with Napa helping out. Valjejo went heavy on the apples while the apricots came from Pittsburg and Brentwood and the tomatoes from Napa and Martinez. Martinez also contributed a small amount of peaches. Napa, of course, featured dried prunes.

While the stake as a whole reached 89 per cent of its assigned welfare budget, some wards made excellent records far over 100 per cent of their budget assignments. Walnut Creek reached 190 per cent, Berkeley second 136 per cent, while Napa went to 111 per cent. Most of the other wards ran around 80 per cent, though Berkeley first almost reached 95 per cent while Pittsburg stood at 55 per cent, Fairfield 49 per cent and Vallejo 30 per cent.

The cash part of the budget was carried by five of the wards of the stake while most of the other wards produced the fresh fruits, vegetables and dried prunes. The five cash paying wards were Berkeley First, \$902.15; Berkeley Second, \$593.50; Claremont \$376.15, Carquinez \$551.95; and East Richmond, \$200.00.

## 2 Young Speakers



Two youth speakers before the Richmond ward Sunday school, Judith Holland and Larry Young. Each Sunday two young people give a "thought for the week," examples of which are: "A much-used road is easy to travel," and "Life is like a groundstone, whether you grind a man down or polish him up depends on the stuff he is made of."

## What is the Gift of the Holy Ghost?

(Continued from page one) yourself to pray with all your heart, and fast as seems necessary, and with all the energy of your soul. Did not Jesus advise, "Pray always, that you may escape Satan," and the Book of Mormon counsel that we pray morning, noon, and night and at all times in our hearts.

2. Go to sacrament meetings every Sunday. This, not to please anyone else, but to hear some special speaker, but to partake of the sacrament and receive the Holy Spirit. Repeat, if you will, the prayers over the bread and water, and observe the repeated phrase, "that they may abide in the Spirit to be with them." That is why you partake of the bread and water.

An Adjustment of Advertising Rates in the Messenger seems inevitable to keep in line with other publications and higher costs. Therefore the Messenger's rate beginning with the April issue, will be \$1.50 per column inch in place of the current rate of \$1.25.

Since 1946 the Messenger circulation has increased from 7,053 to 60,27.



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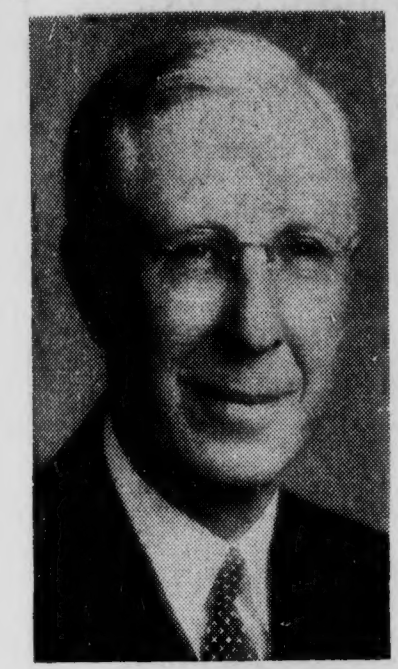
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Volume IV.

## Clifford E. Young Attends Oakland Stake Conference

Clifford E. Young, assistant to the Twelve Apostles, and Wm. T. Lawrence of the General Church Welfare Com., inspired large audiences April 1 and 2, 1950, at the Oakland stake quarterly conference.

"The answer to our problems comes in the very hour of the need," testified Elder Young. "We may not know far ahead how we shall meet a given problem or situation, but if we move ahead in the discharge of duty, the require-



CLIFFORD E. YOUNG

ed guidance comes to us at the actual moment it is required. God keeps his promises."

President Delbert F. Wright admonished that parents are the ones who will be held responsible if the children become delinquent and we parents have not fulfilled our duties to them in regard to teaching them by gentle ways and by our own conduct the Gospel way of life.

Dr. Melvin G. Hart of the High Council asserted that faith is one of the strongest and most basic elements of human nature. A clear faith in God, and in the Gospel of Jesus Christ banishes fear, and gives calm stability.

Elder John S. Hilton, recently returned from his missionary service in Brazil, testified that the humble saints there take joy in working to complete their chapels and in laboring in the welfare program in general.

Elder Howard G. Marsh, who has come home from the Argentine mission and from an appointed special mission to visit some student and other leaders in Spain who have been studying the restored gospel, bore a fervent personal testimony of the truthfulness of the gospel.

Inspiring addresses were also given by President Angus H. Norberg and Glen Shaw of the presidency.

Delightful music Sunday was furnished by the Stake's Singing Mothers led by Thelma Sims and accompanied by Glenora Farnsworth.

## Berkeley Stake Primary News

The Berkeley Stake Primary will be represented at the Primary conference in Salt Lake City, April 4 and 5th by President Annetta V. Wood, her second counselor Bessie Brady, Opal Oliver from Fairfield, Shirley Haslem from Martinez, Nellie Johnson and Verla Hodge from Walnut Creek.

An outstanding April event in Berkeley stake will be a pot luck party, April 20, to which all members of the Primary stake and ward teaching staffs with their partners are invited. This party has a two fold purpose; to help acquaint members throughout the wards with one another and also to raise funds to buy a President Grant paper weight. These paper weights were donated by President Grant toward the new children's hospital.

Our Primary children's chorus will lend a sweetness to the ten o'clock session of stake conference April 30, by rendering several musical numbers. A group of the officers and teachers will also have a part in the morning program.

## Young Peoples' Genealogical Contest

The Stake Genealogical committee is sponsoring a statewide contest for those of ages 12 to 17 to encourage them in starting their "Books of Remembrance."

There will be a prize awarded for the best book submitted and the winner will be announced in the June issue of the Messenger.

The rules are as follows: 1. The book may take any form desired but must include: (a) The personal record sheet filled out as completely as possible with all vital statistics called for. (b) A family group sheet for our own parents with all brothers and sisters listed, completely filled out, and accurately. (c) A pedigree chart filled out so far as possible completely and accurately. (d) One topic thoroughly covered—may be any subject desired; a few are listed below: School days, teachers, friends, awards, achievements, sports, etc.; trips taken, homes, moving experiences, family history, hobbies or interests, sports, etc.

Books will be judged on originality and completeness in the field chosen. Each person is encouraged to use his own imagination and initiative in choosing and filling out their book. There is no set form.

The deadline will be the next stake conference, May, 1950.

Boys and girls, here's your opportunity to show what you can do—have fun and start your own "Book of Remembrance" now in time for the contest. YOU may be the winner.

If there are any questions regarding the contest, contact either Rose Dunham, 725 Spruce St., Berkeley, 7, Calif., LAncaster 3-2055, or Alma Deane Feller, 6216 Hillgass Ave., Oakland, OLYmpic 3-0929.

## High Tribute to Eugene B. Jacobs

By MILDRED M. FONTANA

The shockingly sudden death of Eugene B. Jacobs saddened the East Bay Saints as few things ever have before. He dropped dead on the Elmhurst chapel steps, Saturday night, March 11 and the funeral was held in the Oakland chapel Wednesday 15 March.

"Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard; neither hath it entered into the heart of man the good things the Lord hath prepared for those who serve him," quoted Pres. Delbert F. Wright at the funeral of Eugene B. Jacobs, our beloved brother in the gospel of Jesus Christ. The elite of Oakland and Berkeley stakes came to do him honor. He was beloved by his fellowmen and loved and trusted by God. The greatest tribute to him was the large concourse of people who attended his funeral.

Eugene B. Jacobs was born May 4, 1899 and when a young man voluntarily filled a mission in the Southern States. He married the girl of his heart, Blanche Coulter, in the Salt Lake Temple. They came to Oakland in 1926 with two children, Eugene, Jr., and Marylin; Gloria was born in Oakland.

Eugene served in the Sunday school superintendency of the Vallejo, Hayward and Oakland wards and then on the stake S. board. In 1930-34 he served as bishop of Oakland ward, which then included the Alameda branch. Later in the Diamond ward the Gospel Doctrine class was taught by him and he also had charge of Fireside for the young people. The Boy Scouts will forever remember his wonderful leadership and the trips they took with him and his family. Twice he gave his two weeks annual ward time to take the scouts to Lake Pillsbury. And it was some of these same boy scouts—Chester Shurtleff, Bates Brain, Dan Fernsten, Warren Morgan, Keith Rainey and Ted Hilton who served as his pall bearers at the funeral.

He had been a high councilman since June 1944. In the Elmhurst ward he recently taught the Special Interest group in MIA, and was also teacher of the adult Fireside group. The service men during the war found a welcome at Bro. and Sister Jacobs' home numberless times.

Patriarch Harry Fletcher said, "Bishop Jacobs was the man who put me on the good road where I am today." One woman said "Bro. Jacobs had the sweetest spirit of any man I ever knew."

One man who visited the mortuary confessed that he had found an architect among their number; apostate in feeling and that Bro. Jacobs brought him back through kind encouragement. Another declared "The Lord needed a good man over there in a hurry." And years ago, after listening to a lesson on judgment day a lady said "If any human being is going to judge me and I can choose that person, it will be Eugene B. Jacobs." Such is a sample of the high esteem in which his friends hold him.

His family should be mentioned at this time, for the angel of death spared no one, and he could not have become what he was had not his wife been Blanche Coulter. May God bless her and the children and relatives in this hour of bereavement.

## Oak. Stake News

By Mildred M. Fontana

We feel unusually honored in Oakland stake that a call from the church came to Philip Humphreys of Diamond ward to go on a special two months mission back to the Tahitian Islands where he had already filled a mission. The Hawaiian centennial comes this year; interpreters are needed to assist Tahitian people who will travel to Hawaii from Tahiti in the new yacht, the "Fandango," which the church is now sailing to Tahiti from Los Angeles where the commodious yacht was purchased for use in the Pacific Islands missions.

A reception was held at Pres. Delbert Wright's home for his son, Pat, and Wanda Loe on March 4. Many friends of the Loe and Wright families were in attendance to extend good wishes to the happy couple who were recently married in the temple.

Two very successful parties have just been held: One for the senior members of the stake was held at Alameda ward, sponsored by the bishops and Relief Societies of all wards at which 100 persons enjoyed a banquet and program. The Stake Relief Society board is responsible for originating this much needed entertainment which, it is hoped, will become an annual Oakland stake affair.

The second party was held in the Hayward ward on March 10 for the Stake Primary Trail Builders. Douglas Swanson explained the new order of scouting in the church which includes 11 year-old boys, and Al Atwood told the boys how important scouting is to them and why they should join church troops. Yo-yos were presented to the boys present and a yo-yo contest ensued. A "feed" made everyone doubly happy.

March 31 the Relief Society stake union meeting was held in Diamond ward. Sister Veda Linford of Oakland ward is the new literary leader. Welcome to your new assignment, Sister Linford.

## Eggs Take Longer to Boil in Utah-Idaho; Potatoes Take Longer to Cook. Why?

A three minute egg takes five minutes in Utah-Idaho. Air pressure here is 15 lbs. per square inch; in Utah and Idaho at 4500 feet elevation the pressure is only 12 lbs.

In breathing one has to take in more air in Utah than in California. This is unnoticeable except in exertion as a mile race, etc. Potatoes take ten minutes longer to cook in Utah-Idaho.

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I saw that cottage, standing on Benicia street, Vallejo, like a demure lady ready to be courted by home lovers.

## In this Issue We Present First Annual East Bay Professional Directory

In this issue is presented the Messengers' business-professional directory. The purposes of this directory and sentiments and practices one with a members to include their own people business and professional dealings.

Since we cannot trade with someone we know nothing, the Messengers' advertising columns and now through the local colony with local listings. A few non-member friendly ad notices are included.

## Wonderful Story of \$4 Earned in Carquinez



Suppose you are in the bishopric committee of a ward of 183 families, and problem of raising a sum of \$4000 above their usual tithes, fast offering how are you going to go about it?

Well, there are two elements in this question as to what you might do to raise the money mentioned. First, there is much mechanical skill among the men of the Carquinez ward because the ship building work at the Mare Island yards has attracted many men here. Second, many of them are men in whose souls is a spirit that burns with joy in service to an ideal, and that ideal is the kingdom of God among men on earth—"thy kingdom come."

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## L. D. S. Girls Activities

### Bishops Are Special Guests At Quarterly Advisory Meeting

Highlights of the quarterly advisory meeting of the Oakland Stake Girls' Committee, January 30, in Diamond ward chapel, were addresses by Bishops W. T. Webb, A. G. Jackson and Elmo Smith, inspirational talks by MIA advisor, Rhea Gustavson, and S. S. advisor, Leonard Lyon, and a progress report by Oakland stake chairman of the Girls' Committee, Ruth S. Hilton.

In all, 284 girls are enrolled in the wards of the stake, and 47 women are working on the various committees. Each advisor has an average of eight girls in her care. An increase of LDS girls in attendance at Church meetings has upped from 39 per cent a year ago to 58 per cent for the month of December, 1949.

In 1948 48 girls of the stake qualified for individual awards given out by the Presiding Bishop's office, while in 1949, 76 girls won this happy distinction. Each ward is included in this increase.

Peggy Mauss, now in Japan with her parents, Mission President Vinal G. Mauss, and his wife, Ethel, will get her award this year as she has done other years. Peggy writes from Tokyo, January 18, 1950.

"I certainly appreciate the extra trouble you have gone to in order that I might get my award. It has always meant a great deal to me to get these awards which I have received each year since the Girls' Work was commenced by the Church, and each award has given me a stronger desire to work harder for the next one. In spite of the seven uncrossed miles separating us I still feel a part of good old Oakland ward. I wish I could be there to share the spirit of award night. These dinners have always been a highlight of the winter season."

Peggy enclosed a pretty snapshot of herself wearing a beautifully patterned Komono of the Japanese lady.

**ALAMEDA WARD**  
Bobby Louise Cobb, 16 years, has been identifying herself with the LDS Girls' for many months. Her baptism into the Church made 17-20 held an average of 88 per cent attendance as Sacramento meetings, one of the highest in the stake. Why not other groups too even this record sometime?

**DIMOND WARD**  
Dimond has held the Victory Trophy for two months. The Dimond ward Girls' Chorus sang for stake conference Sunday evening, January 22. "Our program," writes the ward chairman, "has helped our girls realize how important it is to help one another, especially those who are shy and new. We have realized that to be loved we must love others. Now we all try to make the 'new' girl feel welcome as soon as she comes into the ward."

**ELMHURST WARD**  
This ward's meeting attendance by the girls is outstanding: 72 per cent at Sacramento meetings. Having won the trophy three months consecutively, Elmhurst has the honor of having its name engraved on the trophy. Their Mothers-Daughters' party, pre-holiday, was beautiful for its spirit of friendship. A charming snapshot shows the Elmhurst Girls' Chorus as they furnished the music for "Girls' Night at Sacramento Meeting."

**HAYWARD WARD**  
The girls are having lots of fun. February 11 saw the fulfillment of dreams for a snow trip. Now they plan an excursion to the Mesa temple during Easter vacation for Baptism for the dead. The girls are themselves working together the names for their baptismal work, and also to raise money for the expenses of the journey.

**MAXWELL PARK WARD**  
Maxwell Park is having the joy of helping some inactive girls become interested in the Church. From this ward also came 83 hours of service given by the girls at the Welfare Center last summer. A lovely thing was the singing of the Girls' Chorus at the ward sacrament meeting.

Three inactive girls were brought into activity thru a camp-like experience with our fine girls. In another instance, parents have become interested because their daughter took a full part in our girls' program. Now Oakland is very happy to welcome Lois Kunz as a new church member and as one of their girls' group. She was invited to attend MIA, Sunday school and sacrament meetings by Sharlene Lindsay and Lita Moses, who met her at school.

**SAN LEANDRO WARD**  
Our youngest group has qualified for the 1949 standard award because over half of the group earned individual awards. This active little group has found time to do many things as well as earn their awards. Nine of them raised over \$200 for the ward building fund by the sale of Christmas cards and candy of their own making. Fine work.

To quote Mary Marsh, secretary of LDS Girls' committee, Oakland stake: "Let us strive for wisdom, knowing what to do; skill, knowing how to do it; virtue, doing it well."

## Shall the LDS Business-Professional Directory be Printed in Pocket Size?

If you wish the April Messenger directory of East Bay LDS business and professional members reprinted in a stapled, pocket-size edition please see blank below.

Some Liahona club members have urged that such a reprint should be prepared and mailed free to our Messenger mailing list, and that some extra copies should be furnished free to all whose names are included. Ads would pay the cost, of course.

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The Stake Genealogical committee is sponsoring a statewide contest for those of ages 12 to 17 to encourage them in starting their "Books of Remembrance."

There will be a prize awarded for the best book submitted and the winner will be announced in the June issue of the Messenger.

The rules are as follows: 1. The book may take any form desired but must include: (a) The personal record sheet filled out as completely as possible with all vital statistics called for. (b) A family group sheet for our own parents with all brothers and sisters listed, completely filled out, and accurately. (c) A pedigree chart filled out so far as possible completely and accurately. (d) One topic thoroughly covered—may be any subject desired; a few are listed below: School days, teachers, friends, awards, achievements, sports, etc.; trips taken, homes, moving experiences, family history, hobbies or interests, sports, etc.

Books will be judged on originality and completeness in the field chosen. Each person is encouraged to use his own imagination and initiative in choosing and filling out their book. There is no set form.

The deadline will be the next stake conference, May, 1950.

Boys and girls, here's your opportunity to show what you can do—have fun and start your "Book of Remembrance" now in time for the contest. YOU may be the winner.

If there are any questions regarding the contest, contact either Rose Dunham, 725 Spruce St., Berkeley 7, Calif., LAncaster 3-2055, or Alma Deane Feller, 6216 Hillgass Ave., Oakland, OLYmpic 3-0929.

## 176 LDS Elders Descend On Oakland for Northern Calif. Mission Conference

Holding the first mission-wide conference in many years, President Thomas W. Gardner with counselors Alwyn C. Sessions and Robert Day, met the 176 elders of the Northern California Mission in a three-day conference at the Oakland chapel February 8, 9 and 10. Holding three sessions each day, the conference was addressed by former Mission President W. Aird MacDonald; Thomas C. Byrne formerly of the mission presidency, and Dr. Emery R. Ranker of the Berkeley stake presidency, besides the mission presidency.

The Bay Area stakes were hosts to the missionaries for three days, and gathered with the elders in one public session, Thursday evening. A spiritual feast for the elders, the conference sent the missionaries back to their fields of labor from Grants Pass, Ore., on the north to Porterville on the south, with a greater determination to preach the gospel to all the world.

It was announced that full-time missionaries are now being placed in Palo Alto and San Jose, thus completing the placing of elders in all four bay stakes, surrounding San Francisco bay.

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An Adjustment of Advertising Rates in the Messenger seems inevitable to keep in line with other publications and higher costs. Therefore the Messenger's rate beginning with the April issue, will be \$1.50 per column inch in place of the current rate of \$1.25.

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